MINUTES OF THE
MARICOPA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
INTELLIGENT TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS COMMITTEE

May 19, 1999
MAG Office Building, Saguaro Room
302 North First Avenue
Phoenix, Arizona

MEMBERS ATTENDING

Steve Hogan, Scottsdale, Chairman
Ty Hofflander, Chandler
Gary Thomas, Gilbert
Bruce Ward, Maricopa County
Alan Sanderson, Mesa
Mike Frisbie, Phoenix
Randy Overmeyer, RPTA

* Ellis Perl, Surprise
Jim Decker, Tempe
Tim Wolfe, ADOT
* Alan Hansen, FHWA
* David Cowley, AAA Arizona
* Richard Traill, Phoenix Aviation

* Not present or represented by proxy

OTHERS PRESENT

Don Dey, SAIC
Dave Wolfson, Maricopa County
Sarath Joshua, MAG

1. Call to Order

    The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Chairman Steve Hogan.

2. Approval of April 14, 1999 and May 4, 1999 Meeting Minutes

    Minutes of the April 14, 1999 and May 4, 1999 meetings were unanimously approved.

3. Call to Audience

    Chairman Hogan made a call to the audience providing an opportunity to members of the public to address the ITS Committee. None in the audience spoke.

4. AZTech Project Update

    An update on the AZTech project was provided by Jim Decker.   He indicated the following:

    ■ Grand Avenue analysis underway by Lee Engineering is at 65% completion; hardware acquisition is by ADOT and is at about 60%
    ■ Paradise Valley camera is still an open issue and not complete

- Eight RTMS detectors(in gore areas) on US 60 has been included in the ramp metering project by BRW. The receivers will be mounted on Mesa towers
- Radar vehicle detectors are being installed as part of
- AZTech toolbox training provided by TRW was successful
- All four contracts in AZTech 2 are underway
- Under the CUE project, Clarion Auto PC and Cassiopeia handheld PC evaluation will start in June.
- An ATIS workshop conducted by PBS&J was well attended

5.   Roads of Regional Significance

Sarath Joshua provided the committee the background of the Roads of Regional Significance(RRS) concept and design guidelines that were adopted by the MAG Regional Council in 1991. The potential of adopting the RRS for defining future ITS corridors were discussed. A Maricopa County project is expected to implement Smart Corridors beyond the AZTech corridors. The general opinion of committee members was that the criteria that had been used to determine RRS did not seem valid for identifying potential ITS corridors. The committee felt that RRS should have no role in ITS priority corridor definition. Any reference to RRS in the ITS Rating System need to be eliminated.

6.   RFP on ITS Strategic Plan Update

Sarath Joshua informed the committee that the RFP for this project was announced on the 9th of May with the closing date on June 10th. He indicated that a Selection Panel from committee members would have to be formed and requested 5-7 volunteers. The following individuals volunteered to serve on the panel:

Bruce Ward
Jennifer Hoaas Brown
Tim Wolfe
Gary Thomas
Jim Decker

Panel members will pick up proposals on June 14th. The first panel meeting is tentatively scheduled for June 22nd and the interviews on June 30th.

7.   ITS Integration Application to USDOT

Sarath Joshua briefed the committee on the application submitted from the MAG Region to the USDOT for ITS Integration funds. The amount of federal funds that was requested through this application was $ 3.5 million with an equal match from local agencies. Three applications were submitted from Arizona, by ADOT, MAG and PAG.

- ITS America will select successful applications
- USDOT will request that congress fund these projects rather than earmark ITS funds for FY

2000
- Successful applicants will be required to submit a detailed proposal

8. FY 1999 ITS Projects

MAG has received requests to defer two ITS projects currently programmed for FY 1999.

Steve Hogan confirmed the Scottsdale request on the project to expand the computerized signal system.
Bruce Ward and Dave Wolfson of Maricopa County withdrew the request to defer the project to upgrade the AZTech Data Server.

A motion was made by Gary Thomas to defer the Scottsdale. It was seconded by Jim Book and passed unanimously.

9. Status Report by Committee Members

Tim Wolfe reminded members on the upcoming ITS Arizona Annual Meeting on November 3rd. He indicated that it will be a joint meeting with the Rocky Mountain ITS Chapter. He also mentioned the Rural ITS Conference in Flagstaff on August 29-Sept.1, and ITS World Congress in Toronto.

10. Next Meeting Date

The committee agreed to cancel the June meeting and meet next at 10:00 a.m. on July 21, 1999.

11. Adjournment

Chairman Hogan adjourned the meeting at 11:45 a.m.